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Reminder: Reporting of Marine Casualties

This MSIB seeks to remind all maritime industry stakeholders of the requirements listed in Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4.05 - *Notice of Marine Casualty*. A recent review of Marine Casualties investigated by Activities Europe has revealed several cases of noncompliance. As proper reporting of marine casualties provides critical information used to improve maritime safety, it is our intent to promote full compliance with 46 CFR 4.05 by vessels operating throughout Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

The requirements

46 CFR, Parts 4-05.1 & 4-05-10 list specific requirements for Marine Casualty reporting. In short, whenever a Marine Casualty occurs, an immediate notification shall be made to the U.S. Coast Guard followed by a written report within 5 days of the incident. The immediate notification shall be made upon addressing all resultant safety concerns. The written report shall be submitted on form CG-2692 and filled out as completely and accurately as possible. Please visit our website at the link below to view the regulations, our Marine Casualty Reporting brochure or to download the CG-2692 or any of its addendums.

http://www.uscg.mil/acteur/reporting.asp

Where to report Marine Casualties

The initial notification shall be made via telephone using the contact number listed below. Please use the appropriate option during normal and for after normal business hours. The written report of a marine casualty (form CG-2692) may be e-mailed or faxed to our office using the contact information below.

E-mail: acteurinvestigations@uscg.mil

Phone: +31 10 442 4458 Option 3 for normal business hours (0730-1630 GMT +1), or

Option 6 for our afterhours voicemail which is immediately forwarded to our Chief of the Investigations Division. Please leave a brief description of the casualty

and provide a call back number.

Fax: +31 10 450 4752

Noncompliance

Failure to comply with either the immediate notification or the written report of a marine casualty reporting requirements, to include providing an insufficient written report (CG-2692) can result in a Class I civil penalty of \$35,000 per violation and could also lead to action against merchant marine credentials.

For additional information or clarification regarding this Marine Safety Information Bulletin, please contact the Chief of Investigations, Lieutenant Commander Suffern at the above number or e-mail address.

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